The REDSKIN

CLASS
1954

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA

CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT . . . . . Wayne Southwell

VICE PRESIDENT . . . . . Lou Braden

SECRETARY . . . . . Lavern Brown

TREASURER . . . . . Billy Bloss

REDSKIN STAFF

EDITORS — Albert Huffman, Myrlene Wilkinson

CLASS MOTTO

If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?—
Romans 8:31

CLASS COLORS

Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER

Violet

Dedication

MARY McDANIEL

Miss Mary:

It is such a wonderful thing that you have lived and loved and laughed with the deaf all of thirty-five years! We know you would not trade a single one of those years for anything.

Well, we wouldn't trade you, either, for anything! You walked right into our hearts in the long ago; you made yourself so much at home that you are there to stay.

To us you will always be Miss Mary. We will always love you—how could we help it?

So, The Redskin for 1954 is dedicated to you, a "regular guy"!

The Class of 1954

Oklahoma School for the Deaf

Superintendent

L. B. HALL

This gentleman is our superintendent. But more important than that is the fact he is our school father and a sincere friend.

He has always been good to us, even when we were naughty, thoughtless, and indifferent. Where could one find a more understanding friend than that?

Because Mr. Hall has stuck by us all the way, we are mighty glad you see him sitting at his desk in the superintendent's office of this school we love so well.

Administration

R. T. YOUNGERS

Principal

Dick operates his office on all cylinders. He gets places, seeing to it that we are there, too!

MARGIE ALLEN

Secretary

This petite miss keeps the teachers in good humor, yet retaining hers. She's OK.

FREIA PEAK

Executive Secretary

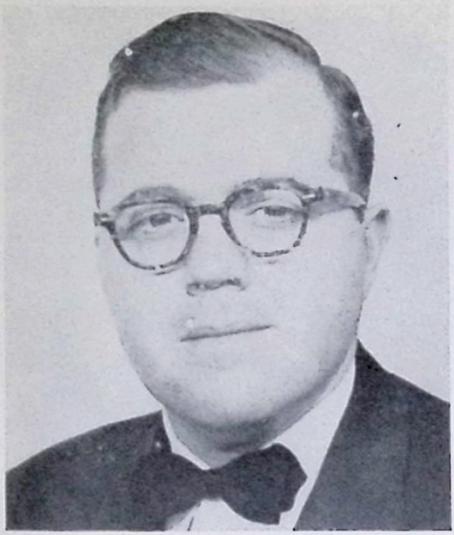
Freia is as efficient as she is pleasant as she is sweet as she is pretty. There you are!

HENRY GEORGE

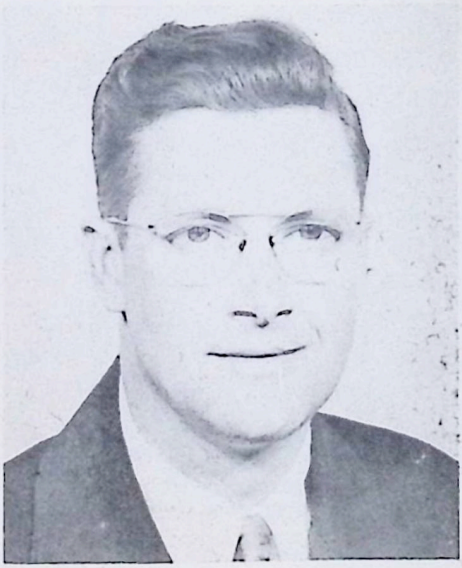
Steward

Henry is one of the best anywhere. He's a good man to have on your side, you bet.

Sponsors



ELDON DAVIS, *Sponsor*



ROBERT FLEMING, *Co-Sponsor*

Introducing the Seniors

DRILLIS C. ANDERSON
Shawnee

Woodworking department, five years; Host and Hostess club, one year; O letterman's club, two years; football, four years; wrestling, three years; track, four years.

DORISE LUCERTIA BARNES
Temple

Leatherwork, three years; Host and Hostess club, one year.

BILLY DON BLOSS
Enid

Printing department, three years; Host and Hostess club, three years; O letterman's club, three years; football, four years; basketball, three years; track, two years; wrestling, one year.

Vice-President of O letterman's club, 1951-1952; Vice-President of Christian Endeavor, 1953-1954; Treasurer of the class, 1953-1954.

LOU KATHERINE BRADEN

Wellston

Home Economics, four years; sewing, four years; archery club, one year; Future Homemakers of America, one year; basketball, two years.

Vice-president of the class 1953-1954.

BETTY LEE BRAKEBILL

Oklahoma City

Tailoring department, three years; Host and Hostess club, two years; Pep club, one year; Physical Education, ten years.

AUGUST LAVERN BROWN

Sulphur

Home Economics, eight years; Future Homemakers of America, three years; Sub Deb club, one year; Nature club, two years.

Secretary of the class of 1954; Secretary and Treasurer of Future Homemakers of America, 1951-1952; Reporter of F. H. A., 1950-1951; Secretary and Treasurer of First Baptist Church, 1949-1950-1951.

BOBBY GENE DORRELL

Mt. View

Tailoring department, three years; O letterman's club, two years; football, two years; basketball, two years; baseball, three years; track, one year.

BILLY LEE GREGORY

Sulphur

Printing department, six years; Hobby club, two years; Outdoor, one year.

WANELL JOSEPHINE HARGER

Fairfax

Home Economics, ten years; Future Homemakers of America, one year; Big Sister club, two years; Physical Education, eight years; softball, four years; volleyball, one year.

Secretary and Treasurer of Future Homemakers of America, 1952-1953; Secretary and Treasurer of Christian Endeavor, 1953-1954; Outstanding girl, 1953-1954.

ALBERT MEDSCAR HUFFMAN

Vinita

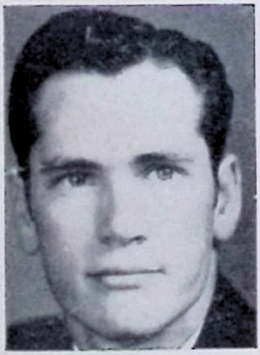
Printing department, eight years; Host and Hostess club, four years; O letterman's club, three years; football, four years; wrestling, four years; basketball, two years; track, four years; baseball, four years.

Secretary and Treasurer of Host and Hostess club, 1953-1954; President of Methodist Group, 1953-1954; Outstanding boy, 1953-1954.

ELBRIDGE RUFUS HULL, JR.

Soper

Leatherwork, six years; Host and Hostess club, two years; O letterman's club, three years; football, three years; basketball, two years; track, three years.



LEONARD OLLIE HULL

Sulphur

Tailoring department, four years; Host and Hostess club, three years; O letterman's, club, three years; football, four years; basketball, four years; baseball, three years.

ERNEST RAYE IRVIN

Poteau

Leatherwork, five years; Host and Hostess, club, three years; O letterman's club, two years; football, four years; wrestling, three years; track, three years; baseball, three years.

Captain of the football team, 1953.

JIMMY DOUGLAS LANDRITH

Oklahoma City

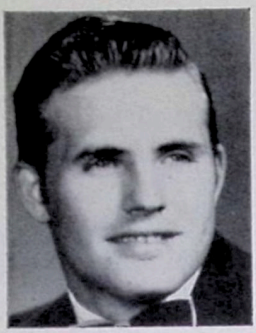
Tailoring department, five years; woodworking department, three years; Host and Hostess club, three years; O letterman's club, three years; football, four years; basketball, two years; baseball, three years; track, three years; Boy Scouts, nine years.

Secretary and Treasurer of Methodist Group of 1953-1954.

WILSON ELMO MANN, JR.

Temple

Tailoring department, six years; Host and Hostess club, two years; Boy Scouts, three years; football, three years; wrestling, three years; basketball, one year.



BOB GLEN PRYOR

Hobart

Printing department, six years; Host and Hostess club, three years; O letterman's club, three years; football, four years; wrestling, four years; track, three years; baseball, one year.

WAYNE THOMAS SOUTHWELL

Oklahoma City

Woodworking department, seven years; Host and Hostess club, three years; O letterman's club, three years; football, four years; basketball, one year; baseball, four years; wrestling, three years.

President of the class of 1954; President of Host and Hostess club, 1953-1954.

EDWINA MYRLENE WILKINSON

Tulsa

Printing department, two years; Host and Hostess club, two years; Photography assistant, two years.

Class Will

We, the members of the Class of 1954, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, being fairly sound of mind desire to make and publish this as our Class Will and Testimony:

We leave to OSD, our beloved school, our love and a million thanks.

We leave to the Class of 1955 our place as willing workers for the good of everything connected with OSD and the deaf of Oklahoma.

Billy Gregory leaves his "I don't know" to Milfred Engleman.
Bobby Dorrell leaves his hairy chest to Wayne Gardineer.
Wayne Southwell leaves his broken heart to Ivan Renshaw.
Drillis Anderson leaves his manly torso to Pat Ferguson.
Wilson Mann leaves all of his "grandfather" shoes to Darrell Lyday.
Bobby Pryor leaves his 1,000 bottles of after-shave lotion to Robert Condit.
Ernest Irvin leave his chewing tobacco to John Hammers.
Albert Huffman leaves his cat naps to Wayne Spears.
Jimmy Landrith leave 25 pounds of fat to Jean Henson.
Dorise Barnes leaves his fish and his flowers to Roy Kinney.
Elbridge Hull leaves his "sweet" temper to Bobby Burnett.
Billy Bloss leaves his whiskers to Charles Thurber.
Leonard Hull leaves his loud shirts to Jimmy Jackson.
Wanell Harger leaves all of her love letters to Verla Reese.
Lou Braden leaves her false tooth to Mary Thurber.
Lavern Brown leaves her hope chest to Joyce Merritt.
Betty Brakebill leaves her height to Evelyn Perry.
Myrlene Wilkinson leaves her spats to Wanda Thompson.

(Signed) The Class of 1954
Drillis Anderson
Dorise Barnes
Billy Don Bloss
Lou Braden
Betty Brakebill
Lavern Brown
Bobby Dorrell
Billy Gregory
Wanell Harger

Albert Huffman
Elbridge Hull
Leonard Hull
Ernest Irvin
Jimmy Landrith
Wilson Mann
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Wayne Southwell
Myrlene Wilkinson

Gazing into the Crystal Ball

BILLY GREGORY, once the pride of Sulphur's hot-rod drivers had turned evangelist and was causing headaches among churches whenever and wherever he conducted a revival. His headquarters were at Reno, Nevada, over Harold's Club. His wife, a former Sulphur brunette was his booking agent. He still drives a Plymouth and swears (pardon the word) by it.

BOBBY DORRELL, was still swaggering around — with a little more "swag" than during his school days. His bald dome was no magnet for the ladies. Since he could not attract them, he hated them. He started out peddling hair tonic — guaranteed to make hair grow, but after a few months, when someone asked him why he did not use some of this wonderful hair tonic on his own bald spot, he gave up the business of peddling and became a club-bouncer in a swank resort in California. He weighed 289 pounds.

WILSON MANN, sauve and debonair, whose sole hobby during his school days was bringing an apple to the teacher — reason therefor being obvious — was now head floor walker in Rothschilds in Oklahoma City. His polished manners and light finger touch touched many a customer's purse strings. Rothschilds profited hugely because of Mann. Latest reports have it Mann had purchased a 7 room house out in the country and was anxiously awaiting the graduation of a certain red head from college in 1959.

ROBERT PRYOR, "Bob" to you, has the habit of "bobbing up" in certain places where least expected. Like Bob Hope, he is always ready with an apparently good alibi. Bob is essentially a Self-made man and we readily agree from the numerous occasions he continues to "bob-up in a town by the name of Ada, Okla.

DRILLIS ANDERSON, who once tried to start a new hair-do style among the boys at O.S.D. for the benefit of the girls — and which flopped — had turned junk dealer, with headquarters in Seminole. He specialized in empty bottles and oil well casings. He married a squaw and while she managed his business, he roamed the country, picking up empty bottles along the highways.

ERNEST IRVIN, whose enormous size and strength during his school days had made him tackle on the All America Deaf football team, as well as heavy weight wrestling champion of Oklahoma High Schools, had capitalized on these honors by turning "Fat Man" in Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey's Circus. The main attraction, however, was his ability to dispose of 12 plugs of tobacco a day.

ALBERT HUFFMAN, champion love-maker and ladies' man at O.S.D. was still a champion, but in a different way; this time it was champion horse-shoe pitcher of Scullin. His most wonderful feat was beating ex-Governor Roy Turner at horseshoes during a cowboy round-up on Turner Ranch. Turner, the good sport he is, presented Huffman with one of his prize Hereford bulls. Huffy still is wondering what to do with the bull.

JIMMY LANDRITH, being too lazy to work, due no doubt to his avoirdupois, was selling patent medicine to skinny farm wives. Jimmy was offering himself as an example of what the patent medicine would do and was asking $1.00 for a trial bottle; $5.00 for a regular bottle. Rumors have it that the contents of these bottles were nothing more than pure Bromide Springs water. So far, Jimmy had prospered and had escaped the clutches of the law.

DORISE BARNES, was the mystery man of Temple, Oklahoma his home town. Quiet and unassuming, Barnes had embarked on a green-house venture and was eminently successful. Being a firm believer in the old adage: "Silence is Golden", Barnes never said much. His bank account did the talking. His principal customers were old maids and widows; you as well as I know the reason why.

ELBRIDGE HULL, bow-legged as ever, perhaps more so from following rodeos around the country, was still single. Although an expert in roping and tieing calves, he was no good when he tried to lasso a woman. He is offering any woman who will marry him a 12 room ranch type home, plus a Filipino maid, on a 2400 acre ranch out in the Kiamichi mountains. Latest rumors have it that the line forming to the right is headed by a certain lass from around Lamont.

BILLY BLOSS, whose dad gave him a '41 jeep as a graduation gift, keeps burning the highways between Enid and Sulphur. Somehow, Billy just manages to drive up Tahlequah avenue right after meals and parks his ramshambled jeep out in front of the dining hall. From force of habit, he gets out and eyes a certain brown eyed and brown haired maiden as she heads for the dormitory. His wig-wagging system is Greek to us — but "Actions speak louder than words!" When do the wedding bells ring, Billy?

LOU BRADEN, always flitting around like a butterfly, is still on the go. It is amazing at the amount of energy she possesses. After watching her for a while one gets the idea she is a human Mexican Jumping Bean. It gets on your nerves; my nerves — everybody's nerves! Fortunately, however Lou will soon settle down to the more sedate life of housewife — witness the brillant sparkler on her finger — which has turned away many a would-be suitor. Good Luck, Lou — and may your tribe, like Abou Ben Adhem's increase!

LAVERN BROWN, the shy, retiring and demure little lass from Sulphur has since she was 2 years of age, been filling her hope chest. We do not profess to know how full it is nor how many chests she has filled. Her friends say that because of the present streamlined tendencies, Lavern's cherished hope chest or chests — contain many out-of-date, in fact, antique items that should command high prices today. Lavern is going to open up an antique shop in her future home and take care of her hubby, who we understand, is some sort of lackadaisical hill-billy in the wilds of the Ozarks in Northern Arkansas.

BETTY BRAKEBILL, tells us she has matrimonial aspirations as soon as she receives her diploma. We are not yet quite ready to believe her. We have it from reliable sources that she resembles a Kewpie doll so much that the manufacturers of these once famous dolls are trying to persuade Betty to forget the wedding. They have offered Betty a respectable salary to turn model for the benefit of their doll designers. Betty has all the necessary dimples on her cheeks, even on her knees, and morever, like a doll, she's even knock-kneed. Latest reports have it that Betty is reciting Hamlet's soliloquoy; "To be or not to be." Her friends are anxiously awaiting her decision.

When last heard from WANELL HARGER was still sticking her nose in other people's business and trying to mind it for them. She opened an office in Tulsa and hung out her shingle announcing "Expert Advice on Domestic Troubles". Her business was to try and get both parties to drop divorce proceedings and at the same time stir up enough trouble among peaceful couples to get them divorce-minded. Then Wanell would scothe their troubles out for a sizeable stipend. In that way she kept the real wolf — as well as the human wolves from her door. They both knew it was best to avoid her.

LEONARD HULL, who broke a dozen young girls' hearts — or was it — whose heart was broken a dozen times by young girls, we have forgotten which was which or who was who, opened up a cleaning and pressing shop in Muskogee. He did well at the start and the Muskogee Better Business Men's Club named him "Muskogee Man of the Year." He gradually fell into the hands of over-zealous women admirers and eventually was elected president of the Stitch & Chatter Club composed entirely of ladies! He finally broke away from them and got married. However, his business was not so good thereafter as he was deluged with garments of his in-laws, who expected the work to be free. He was forced to abandon his business, and get away from his in-laws. Just where he is today, we do not know; neither does his pa-in-law nor his ma-in-law.

WAYNE SOUTHWELL, beau brummel of the class, when he wants to be, which isn't often, had opened up a health developing and strength building sanatorium in New Orleans. Maybe because of his name Southwell, he figured he could do well in the South. Be that as it may, he catered to all sorts of people — Cajuns, Creoles, and French. As you all know this class of people is naturally small. Wayne had large pictures of his manly figure set up in prominent places in front of his "gym" with the gentle adominition to the puny little creatures to come in and take a course in gymnastics and build up their bodies — like his — for a measley $50.00. Last heard from, Wayne was still looking for a wife — and by the way, still wearing white shoes — the year round — same as he did at O.S.D.

And now we come to the last in the alphabetical order — but by far, not the least, the fiery redheaded MYRLENE WILKINSON. The way she paraded around in the dining hall during her undergraduate days cast the die for her future — dining room hostess. The Pullman Company made her hostess on one of its diners attached to the Santa Fe's Super Chief on its Chicago-to-Los Angeles run. She became so popular with the men that the Chicago-Los Angeles air lines noted a falling off in passengers. Men, who usually travelled by air went by rail so as to meet Myrlene. Finally, in order to increase air travel, Transcontinental Airlines made her stewardess on its Los-Angeles-Honolulu flight. The inevitable finally happened — a young Navy lieutenant led Myrlene to the altar — and of her we hear no more.

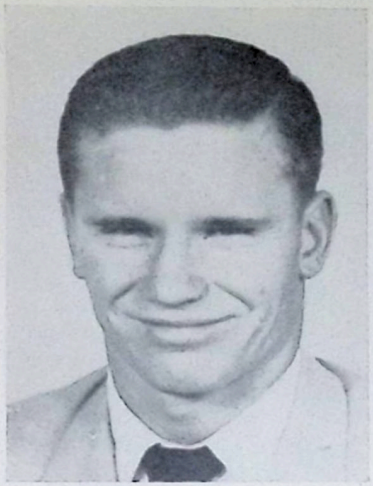
JUNIOR CLASS

Front row—Charles Thurber, Patrick Ferguson, Roy Kinney, Gilbert Hammers, Robert Parker, Robert Condit, Orville King. Back row—Sponsor Irene Danner, Wanda Thompson, Joyce Merritt, Delores Self, Evelyn Perry, Patsy Reese, Co-Sponsor Retta T. Youngers.

"O" LETTERMAN'S CLUB

Kneeling - left to right—Albert Huffman, Wilson Mann, Wayne Southwell, Leonard Hull, Billy Don Bloss, Jimmy Landrith. Standing—Bobby Dorrell, Drillis Anderson, Ernest Irvin, Elbridge Hull, Bob Pryor.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS 1953 - 54



ALBERT HUFFMAN
Vinita

WANELL HARGER
Fairfax

THE KING 1953-1954 THE QUEEN

RONNIE TEAGARDEN
McMann

ROSE MARY STAPP
Tulsa

THE ACADEMIC TEACHERS

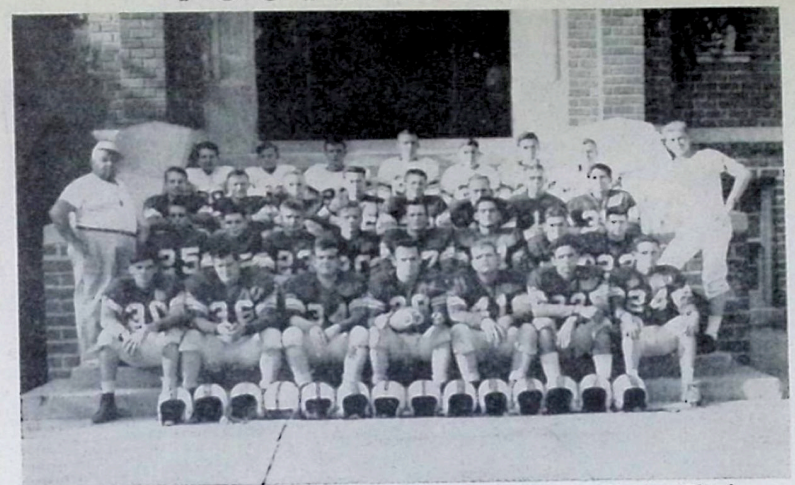
First row - left to right—Margaret McKinnon, Joyce Murphy, Retta Youngers; Second row—W. T. Griffing, Wendell Griffing, Johnnie Thomas, Gladys Stephens, Helen Slover, E. S. Foltz; Third row—Mildred Kirkpatrick, Norene Hunt, Margaret Clary, Kenneth Norton, Judy Smith, Jewell Bennett, Flossie Colley; Back row—Tommy Hall, Georgia Price, Irene Danner, Thelma Cravens.

THE EMPLOYEES

First row - left to right—Willie Standley, Magness Hull, Lee Slate, Lucy Noble, Gene Davis, Annie Belle Arms, Taylor Collins; Second row—John Crouse, Jessie Crouse, H. L. Bird, Opal Fleming, Ben Neathery; Third row—Emma Dudley, Earl Weaver, Janie Vickery, Thurman Hargis, Myrtle Rose; Back row—Ruby Jackson, Harvey Williams, Perry Chadwick, Jesse Clary, Bessie Roper.

Missing from the picture are: Mildred McNair, O. H. Hull, Sarah Standifer, F. P. Sloan, Lena Anderson, Eva Riddle, T. B. Vickery, Dulsie Day.

FOOTBALL TEAM



First row, left to right—Wayne Spears, Ernest Irvin, Charles Thurber, Wayne Southwell, Jimmy Landrith, Milfred Engleman, Billy Bloss. Second row—Jimmy Jackson, Jack Adkisson, Eddie Butcher, Albert Huffman, Leonard Hull, Drillis Anderson, Ivan Renshaw, Patrick Ferguson. Third row—Robert Condit, Wilson Mann, Ronald Evans, Darrel Lyday, Elbridge Hull, Bobby Dorrell, Elmo Pierce, Olin Long. Fourth row—Freddy Hardy, J. B. Stacy, Ross Penny, Howard Bentley, Albert Starkey, William Lewis, Joe Moran. Coaches: right Coach Kenneth Norton, left Assistant Edward Foltz.

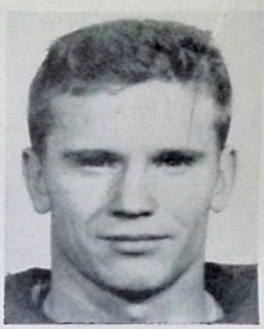
FOOTBALL QUEEN

Left to right:—Billy Don Bloss, Lou Braden, Captain Ernest Irvin, Queen Crystal Lemmings, Wayne Southwell, Marlene Logan, Evelyn Perry, Jimmy Landrith.

All of us were "Alls"

ERNEST IRVIN
Right Tackle
All American 1952
All District 1953

LEONARD HULL
Quarterback
All District 1953
All American 1952 - 1953



ALBERT HUFFMAN
Left Halfback
All District 1952 - 1953
All American 1952 - 1953

BILLY DON BLOSS
Left End
All District 1953
All American Honorable
Mention 1953

WAYNE SOUTHWELL
Left Tackle
All District 1953
All American 1953

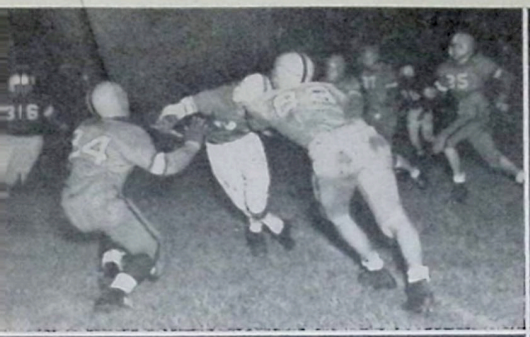
DRILLIS ANDERSON
Fullback
All District Honorable
Mention 1953

ELBRIDGE HULL
Center
All District Honorable
Mention 1953

JIMMY LANDRITH
Left Guard
All District Honorable
Mention 1953

CHARLES THURBER
Right Guard
All District Honorable
Mention 1953

FOOTBALL ACTION PICTURES



Won 5 Lost 4

	Scores	Opponents
	OSD 12 — 14	Capitol Hill Bees
	OSD 12 — 13	St. Gregory's
*	OSD 32 — 0	Tishomingo
	OSD 13 — 6	Illinois School for the Deaf
*	OSD 26 — 13	Ryan
*	OSD 19 — 8	Marietta
	OSD 7 — 13	Ada Bees
*	OSD 13 — 28	Davis
	OSD 19 — 0	Seminole Bees

* 2C South Class Conference

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row - left to right—Eddie Butcher, Leonard Hull, Billy Don Bloss, Wayne Spears Jack Adkisson, Elbridge Hull.

Back row—Coach Robert Fleming, Patrick Ferguson, Wayne Southwell, Roy Kinney, Milfred Engleman, Wilson Mann, Howard Bentley, Assistant Coach Edward Foltz.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row - left to right—Albert Starkey, Vernon McVay, Joe Moran, Buddy Montgomery, Freddie Hardy, David Evans. Back row—Coach Robert Fleming, Holte Hargis, Frank Whitson, Vincent Fowler, Clay Smith, James Harris, Newton Callicoat, Assistant Edward Foltz.

BASKETBALL ACTION PICTURES

Won 12 Lost 8

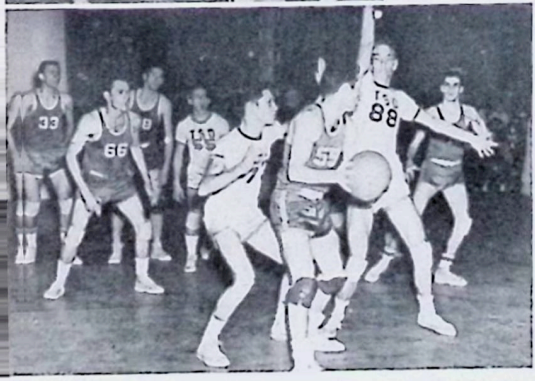
			Opponents
OSD	30	— 50	Woodland HS
OSD	39	— 42	Hughes HS
OSD	47	— 50	Milburn HS
OSD	67	— 40	Hickory HS
OSD	54	— 29	Dougherty HS
OSD	36	— 39	Sulphur HS
OSD	42	— 30	Dougherty HS
OSD	29	— 37	Woodland HS
OSD	37	— 32	Madill HS
OSD	56	— 35	Hughes HS
OSD	54	— 47	Milburn HS
OSD	62	— 36	Sulphur HS
OSD	43	— 55	Kansas S. D.
OSD	68	— 42	Texas S. D.
OSD	38	— 40	Madill HS
OSD	61	— 29	New Mexico S. D.

(Murray County Tournament)

OSD	45	— 41	Woodland HS
OSD	43	— 36	Sulphur HS

(District Tournament)

OSD	33	— 29	Maysville HS
OSD	48	— 51	Elmore City HS



TRACK TEAM

Front, left to right—Coach Kenneth Norton, Eddie Butcher, Jack Adkisson, Patrick Ferguson, Elbridge Hull, Ronald Evans, Manager Elmo Pierce.
Middle—David Evans, Drillis Anderson, Jimmy Jackson, Arville King, Ivan Renshaw, Charles Thurber.
Back—Frank Whitson, Freddie Hardy, Vernon McVay, James Harris, Robert Parker, J. B. Stacy.

BASEBALL TEAM

Kneeling, left to right—Leonard Hull, Wayne Southwell, Jack Adkisson, Howard Bentley, Milfred Engleman, Wayne Spears, Bobby Dorrell, Ross Penny. Back—Manager Albert Huffman, Ernest Irvin, Darrel Lyday, Robert Condit, Roy Kinney, Elbridge Hull, Charles Thurber, Coach Robert Fleming.

GRAPHIC ARTS

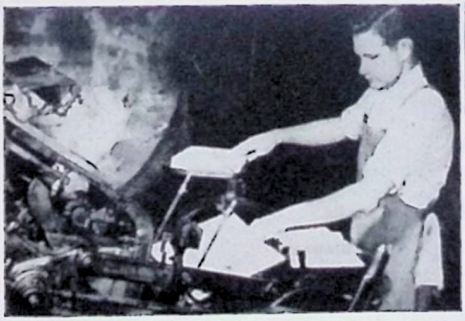
Geo. H. Davies, Instructor

Pryor and Gregory putting a form "to bed".

Wilkinson trying to fool the Linotype.

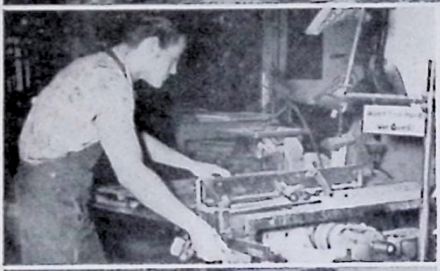
Huffman making the cylinder press hum.

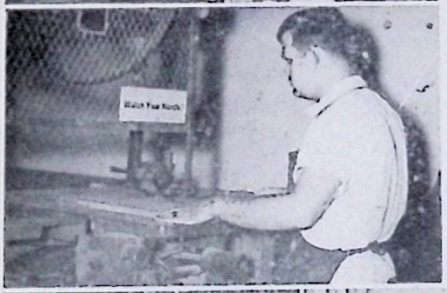
Bloss having fun with the C & P press .



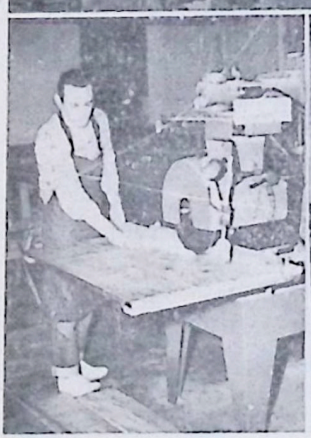
WOODWORKING

E. R. Rhodes Instructor



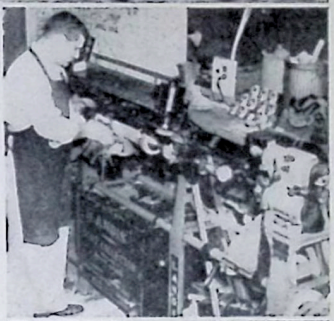


Anderson, Landrith, and Southwell making the saws do most of their hard work; Parker inspecting a cabinet he made for Mrs. Hall's home.

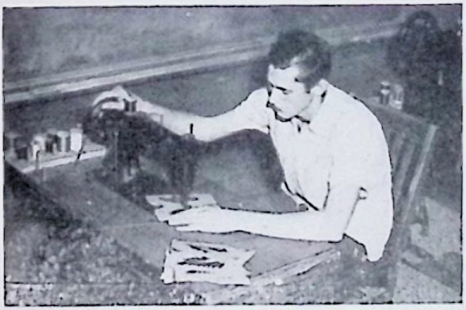


LEATHERCRAFT

Eldon Davis, Instructor

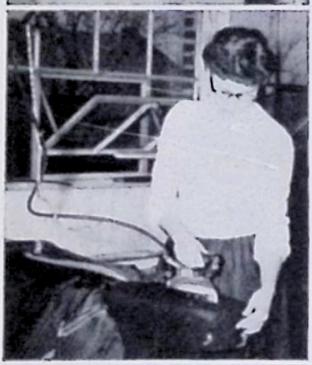


Irvin is saving a sole; King is seeing that the stitches stay on; E. Hull is stitching something fancy for his boots; and Adkisson and King are tooling fancy leather articles.

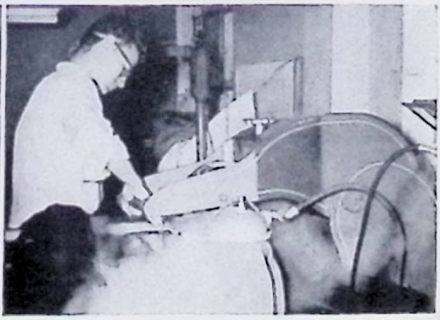


CLEANING - PRESSING

R. G. Fleming, Instructor



Dorrell is cleaning 'em clean; Merritt is working out some wrinkles; Brakebill is taking those spots out; and Mann is punishing the Hoffman press.



FOODS

and

DRESSMAKING

LeNora Hudson, Foods

Mary McDaniel, Dressmaking

Carpenter, McFadden, Lawson and Verla Reese looking mighty pleased; Carpenter is inviting you to see what came out of her oven.

Down below you see a happy group of younger girls who are busy learning how to save money in the bye and bye.

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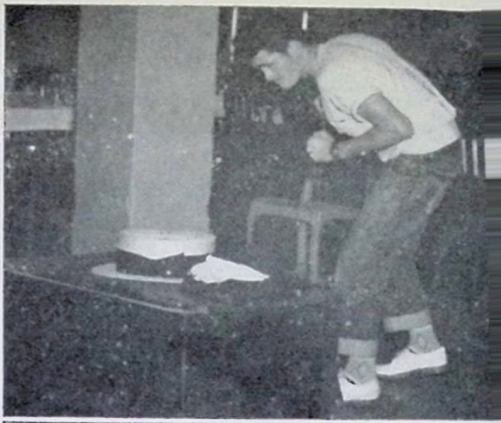

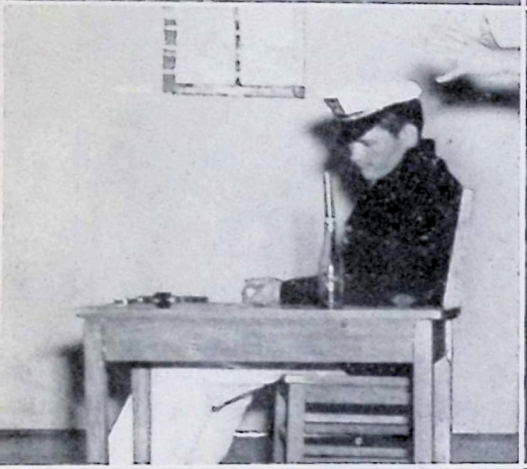

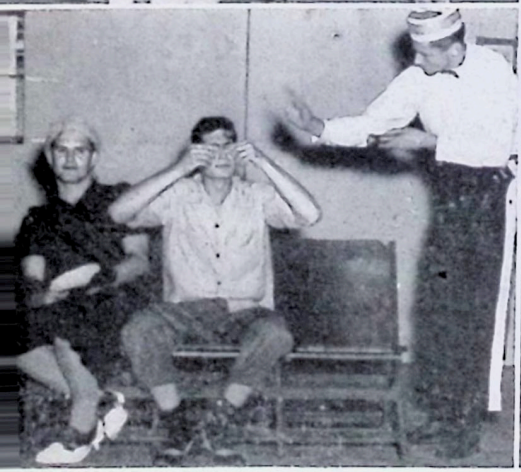

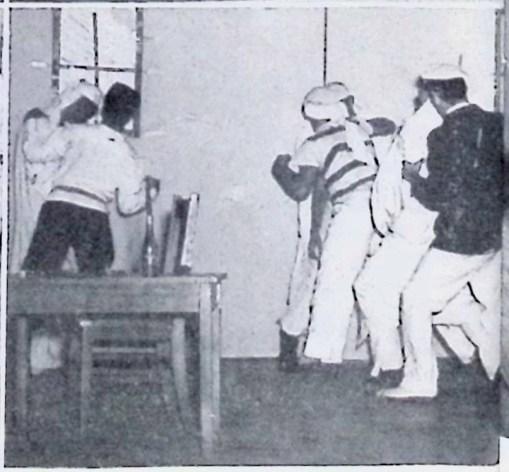

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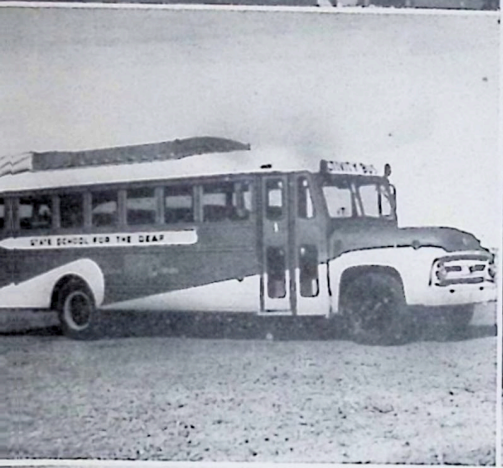

Dr. J. W. Blattner Plaque

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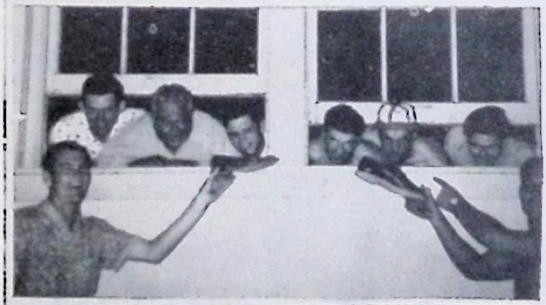

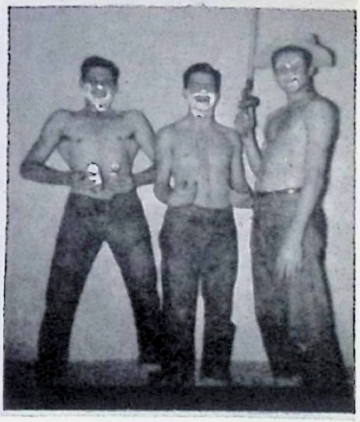

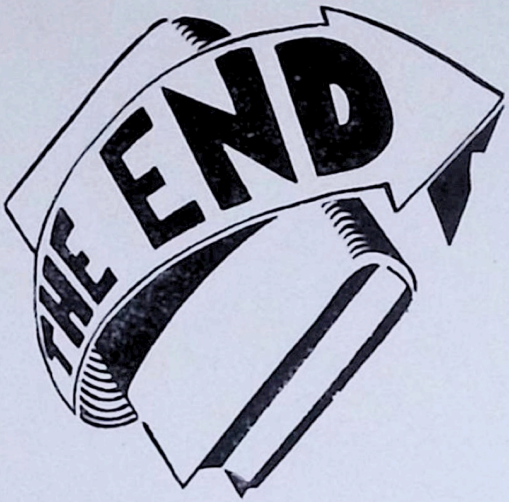
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